

Reimbursement announced as town marks five year anniversary of devastating flood

Medford, NJ - Congressman John Adler today announced that FEMA would reimburse \$2,035,000 to Medford Township for the money they spent on flood infrastructure repair. Immediately upon taking office, Congressman Adler contacted FEMA on the town's behalf.

For five years, officials in Medford have struggled with FEMA to finalize the town's funding request. It was during a meeting hosted by Congressman Adler that the new Acting FEMA Regional Director and town officials moved forward on finalizing the funding request.

"For five years, Medford has spent millions of dollars on flood infrastructure repair," Congressman Adler said. "Local officials and first responders did everything right when responding to this flood in 2004, and we need to ensure that the town receives their share of federal disaster relief money. I'm pleased that FEMA officials are reimbursing the community what it is owed."

Medford's Mayor David Brown said, "This funding has been a long time coming. It will help us out so much. We are a small town and the flood was devastating to our community. The approximately \$2 million will help us out."

"We're delighted we were able to work with our state partner, NJ-OEM, and Congressman Adler's staff, to help the township restore its infrastructure damaged by the 2004 storm," said Michael Moriarty, Acting Administrator for FEMA, Region II, which includes New Jersey. "Working together, with a great deal of good will, it shows the system works."

In July 2004, a severe flood caused Medford Township to incur costs of nearly \$2.5 million to repair roadways, replace sewer lines and remove debris from the Ramblewood Dam. After their FEMA application was not authorized, Medford Township appealed to FEMA in May of 2006. Congressman Adler was able to move the process along and help the Township receive their money.

